

To Whom It May Concern:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. To me, that means being unbiased and unpolitical when it comes to elections and political parties. Showing a clearly slanted documentary against one candidate and not showing a negative program against the other candidate clearly violates equal time rules. I believe that if Sinclair chooses to violate the rules, it should be fined.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.